



Association of University Centers on Disabilities

The Leadership, Education, Advocacy, & Research Network

What is the AUCD Network?



The AUCD Network is made up of university centers across the United States. The university centers work across a lot of different fields to improve life for people with disabilities.

Who are AUCD Network Members?



- University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)
- There are UCEDDs in every state and territory.



- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LENDs)
- There are LENDs in almost all of the states.



- Eunice Kennedy Shriver Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers (IDDRCs)
- There are IDDRCs in only a few states.



AUCD members are in every state and territory in the United States.



What do AUCD members do?



They provide services for children, adults, and families.



They teach students and professionals.



They do research.



Training and technical help to schools, communities, and the government.





They teach policy makers about the needs of people with disabilities.



They evaluate how well programs work or don't work.



They share information and ideas.



AUCD programs train and educate leaders in disability-related research, training, service delivery, and public policy.



How does AUCD support its member networks?



- Leading on social issues that affects all people living with disabilities or special health needs



- Advocating for public policies

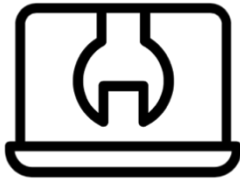


- Working with other organizations to advance the network's ideas



- Helping the network to communicate with each other and with other groups to share information and ideas





- Problem solving and sharing information and expertise on a wide variety of topics

AUCD Members

UCEDDs

- Work with people with disabilities, their family members, the community, and the government
- Offer trainings, provide expert information and problem solving, research, and they share information to help the people that live in the community

LENDs

- Teach people who will work with children with disabilities how to:
 - Find out if a child has disabilities
 - Work as a team to support families and children
 - Fix problems in systems that support children and families with disabilities



IDDRCs

- Prevent and treat disabilities through research.
- World's largest group of scientific experts in intellectual and developmental disabilities.

AUCD's Mission



- To advance policies and practices that help people with disabilities in all areas of their lives
- Help the members of the AUCD network by supporting their research, education, health, and service activities



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AUCD in Plain Language

